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FORMED THEREWITH**

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The following paper is being submitted as a response to an Office Action dated June 1, 1998, rejecting the pending claims. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Abstract

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"Abstract of the Disclosure"

Biologically active conjugates are disclosed which are formed by reaction of a thiol moiety of a biologically active molecule with a non-peptidic polymer having an active sulfone moiety. Also disclosed are compounds having the formula R_1-X-R_2 wherein at least one of R_1 and R_2 is a biologically active molecule having a reactive thiol moiety which forms a covalent bond with X, a Michael acceptor-activated non-peptidic polymer. Further disclosed are methods of making the conjugates and compounds of the present invention as well as pharmaceutical compositions containing them. In addition, activated polymers suitable for attachment to a variety of molecules and surfaces are disclosed."

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